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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The first listing of documents, immediately below, are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being relevant for reasons that they were cited by Applicants on March 15, 2002 in parent application No. 10/023,987:

U.S. Patent No. 5,317,820 (BELL et al.), issued June 7, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,379,530 (BELL et al.), issued January 10, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,732,483 (CAGLIARI), issued March 31, 1998;

U.S. Patent No. 5,946,827 (OKAJIMA), issued September 7, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,950,335 (OKAJIMA), issued September 14, 1999;

U.S. Patent Appln. Publ. No. 2002/0078599 (DELGORGUE et al.), published June 27, 2002 (cited in the parent application as Application No. 10/023,865);

British Patent No. 393,508 (ENTRAYGUES), granted June 8, 1933;

European Patent Publ. No. 0 753 268 (SHIMANO), published January 15, 1997;

European Patent Publ. No. 0 754 413 (SKIS ROSSIGNOL), published January 22, 1997;

International Patent Publ. No. WO 94/04051 (BELL et al.), published March 3, 1994.

The second listing of documents, immediately below, are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being relevant for reasons that they were cited by Applicants on August 21, 2003 in parent application No. 10/023,987:

U.S. Patent No. 5,477,593 (LEICK), issued December 26, 1995;

U.S. Patent No. 5,899,006 (DONNADIEU), issued May 4, 1999;

French Patent Publ. 2 706 743 (SALOMON S.A.), published December 30, 1994;

French Patent Publ. 2 743 989 (SALOMON S.A.), published August 1, 1997.

The third listing of documents, immediately below, are brought to the attention of the Examiner as being relevant for reasons that they were cited by the Examiner in parent application No. 10/023,987:

U.S. Patent No. 318,949 (BROWN), issued June 2, 1885;

U.S. Patent No. 2,306,306 (FERRETTIE), issued December 22, 1942;

U.S. Patent No. 3,798,804 (FUNCK), issued March 26, 1974;

U.S. Patent No. 4,447,967 (ZAINO), issued May 15, 1984;

U.S. Patent No. 5,499,459 (TOMARO), issued March 19, 1996;

U.S. Patent No. 5,647,150 (ROMANATO et al.), issued July 15, 1997;  
U.S. Patent No. 5,678,329 (GRIFFIN et al.), issued October 21, 1997;  
U.S. Patent No. 5,704,138 (DONNADIEU), issued January 6, 1998;  
U.S. Patent No. 5,727,271 (ROMANATO et al.), issued March 17, 1998;  
U.S. Patent No. 5,940,990 (BARRET), issued August 24, 1999;  
U.S. Patent No. 5,966,841 (BARRET), issued October 19, 1999;  
U.S. Patent No. 6,076,285 (CAERAN et al.), issued June 20, 2000.

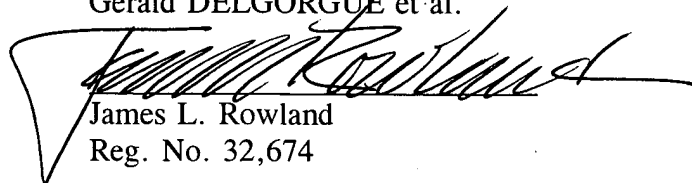
Copies of the above-mentioned documents can be found in parent application No. 10/023,987 and, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609, copies are not attached. However, if the Examiner were to request copies, Applicants will provide same.

In addition, the above-mentioned documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 forms to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the above-mentioned documents and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 forms and returning copies of the initialled forms to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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